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SUBJECT: NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE: FOCUS FOR LAY, LIBERAL VIEWS

1. SCORPIONE, NEW BOOK PUBLISHING HOUSE WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE DEFENSE OF LAY, LIBERAL VALUES AGAINST COMMUNISTS AS ITS MOTIVATING FORCE, SIGNALLED ITS OPENING IN MILAN OCTOBER 19 WITH FORMAL PRESENTATION OF FIRST BOOK TO GROUP OF SOME 150. BOOK, COMPILATION OF ARTICLES EDITED BY IL GIORNALE JOURNALIST FEDERICO ORLANDO AND CALLED LA CULTURA DELLA RSA (THE CULTURE OF SURRENDER), WAS PRESENTED BY RECENTLY-ELECTED ALI INDEPENDENT SENATOR ENZO BETTIZA. SCORPIONE CLAIMS TO HAVE IN PREPARATION BOOKS BY SEVEN OTHER AUTHORS INCLUDING MILAN DC DEPUTY MASSIMO DE CAROLIS; RECENTLY-SACKED EPOCA EDITOR NOW AT IL GIORNALE LIVIO CAPUTO; AND ANTONIO MARTINO, YOUNG ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AND SON OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENT GAETANO MARTINO.

2. FOUNDERS OF SCORPIONE ARE DARIO STAFFA AND ENZO TORTORA, TWO JOURNALISTS WHO TOLD US THEY HAVE TAKEN LEAP IN DARK BECAUSE OF CONVICTION THAT COMMUNISTS ARE WINNING BY DEFAULT AND THAT NON-COMMUNISTS NEED TO BE AWAKENED AND ENCOURAGED TO RESIST. TORTORA STATED THAT, PARTICULARLY IN LEFTIST-DOMINATED MEDIA, THERE ARE PLENTY OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE VIEWS ARE SOLIDLY NON-COMMUNIST AND WHO NEED TO KNOW

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THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE. HE CLAIMED HE AND STAFFA HAVE NO

BACKING AND MUST BREAK EVEN IN ORDER TO SURVIVE (THERE WERE NO FREE BOOKS FOR GUESTS).

3. DARIO STAFFA IS DIRECTOR OF EST, MAGAZINE SIMILAR TO OUR PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM AND ISSUING FROM COMMUNIST STUDIES ORGANIZATION CALLED CESES (CENTRO STUDIO ECONOMICO E SOCIALE). (CESES IS HEADED BY RENATO MIELLI, EX-COMMUNIST, FORMER EDITOR OF UNITA', AND FORMER PCI CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS - JOB NOW HELD BY SERGIO SEGRE.) STAFFA, ABOUT 45, ALSO DID TOUR AT ITALIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, SOME TEN YEARS AGO.

4. ENZO TORTORA IS FORMER ITALIAN TV AND RADIO PERSONALITY WHO IS NOT KNOWN HERETOFORE TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS.

5. RECEPTION AT SCORPIONE OFFICES BEFORE BOOK PRESENTATION DREW TOGETHER SOME 75 GUESTS THAT INCLUDED SOCIALISTS, SOCIALDEMOCRATS, LIBERALS, REPUBLICANS, CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND OTHER JOURNALISTS, AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS. THERE WERE NO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.FINA

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